

To Our Tremont School District Family and All of the Members of the Tremont Community:

We miss our students! Our thoughts are with each of you. We have missed our students and continue to hold out hope we'll see you soon. The Governor's most recent Shelter in Place order has just been issued and we're going to assess its impact moving forward. Here's the most recent update we can provide as of 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 20.

- Hot lunch will be provided to any child in the District during Spring Break. ***Please note this is a fluid situation and is dependent upon the availability of staff and safe conditions for operation.***
 - ***Should the District make a decision that meals would not be provided, we have made arrangements to put together snack packs to assist our most needy families and community members.***
 - All children in the community are eligible, including home-schooled students. We don't have a database for these children, but they are welcome to participate.
 - If you've already registered, there's no need to register again. We'll have a meal ready for you. Please e-mail laura.gray@d702.org if you would like to add your student to the list.
 - ***If you would like to be taken off the list, please email us that information too so that we can have accurate counts to assist in the conservation of resources.***
 - Delivery is available if requested. We understand that parents are working and pick-up could be difficult for some families. No problem at all, we'll get a meal to you.
 - We're working with school funds and our local church partners to assist in providing weekend snack packs every Friday. Any family in need qualifies. Again, we're happy to deliver!
- Spring Break actually comes at a good time although we strongly encourage you to keep reading, practicing math, and engaging your minds.
- A closure beyond March 30 is probable given today's order. We anticipate at least the date given in Governor Pritzker's Press Conference today of April 8.
 - Again, we have no information at the current time on a target date for the re-opening of school. We believe it is prudent to plan for a longer absence.
 - There's a very good chance you would hear that information from media sources before we've had a chance to respond.
 - The administrative team continues to disseminate information provided by the State Board of Education regarding academic expectations. We will update you following Spring Break or as we hear more.
- We are happy to assist or facilitate any community or family needs that may be developing. Please feel free to contact us at school (email next week) or call any one of the church offices in the community:
 - laura.gray@d702.org jill.hellrigel@d702.org jeff.hinman@d702.org
 - sean.berry@d702.org jeremy.garrett@d702.org becky.hansen@d702.org
 - michelle.mckune@d702.org zach.zehr@d702.org
 - Apostolic Christian (885-2543), Grace Baptist (925-3630), Northfield Fellowship (925-5120), Pekin First Nazarene (346-3053), Tremont Baptist (925-5913), Tremont United Methodist (925-2011)
 - If you need assistance finding food, paying housing bills, accessing free childcare or other essential services, you can call 2-1-1 or (309) 999-4029. There are some additional resources being made available for people who generally would not qualify.
- District Buildings.
 - Our buildings will remain closed at this time. Lunches will be delivered to cars at the front drive of the High School off of Route 9.
 - An administrator will be onsite from 9:00-1:00 at the HS campus throughout Spring Break. We will also be monitoring our emails should anyone need assistance or have questions.

I've enjoyed seeing many of the activities you have been participating in during this time away from school (this may be one time I somewhat like social media). Keep up the great work! Enjoy some time off next week for Spring Break. Granted, there's a strange dynamic to our time away this year and continued uncertainty as to when things get back to normal. My hope for you is health and an attitude of appreciation and thankfulness for the work being done on our behalf by so many doctors, scientists, government officials and first responders.

We will get through this setback and come out stronger than ever.

Thank you,

Jeff Hinman
Superintendent

